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Hon. Randal Gilliam, Hearing Officer
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**RE: Application of Utilities Commission, New Smyrna Beach d/b/a Sparks
Communications for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to
Provide Competing Telecommunications Services in the State of
Tennessee, TRA Docket No. 04-00052**

Dear Hearing Officer Gilliam:

Please be advised that we are serving as local counsel for the applicant in the above-captioned matter. Enclosed are one (1) original and fourteen (14) copies of a Notice of Appearance. I hereby request to be added on the service list in TRA Docket No. 04-00052. Please return a "File-Stamped" copy of this Notice of Appearance to me in the enclosed prepaid, self-addressed envelope.

If you need any additional information, please let me know.

Very truly yours,


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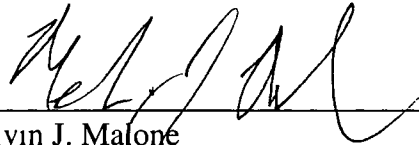
**APPLICATION OF UTILITIES COMMISSION,)
NEW SMYRNA BEACH D/B/A SPARKS)
COMMUNICATIONS FOR A CERTIFICATE)
OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND)
NECESSITY TO PROVIDE COMPETING)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
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NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

Notice is hereby given that Melvin J. Malone, Miller & Martin, PLLC, is serving as local counsel for the Applicant in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

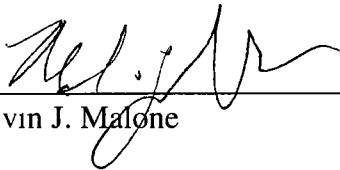


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, this 2nd day of May, 2004, upon the following:



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